

Challenged Nomination Paper Response – Craig Krueger

To whom it may concern,

After filing my nomination papers on June 2, I was informed that the format used was insufficient due to a recent change that requires a printed name column on the nomination form. The nomination papers that I used were directly from the GAB website in early March. While I was preparing materials for circulating forms in April, I retrieved the forms and got everything ready from the GAB website. Assuming it was up to date and sufficient because it claimed to be sufficient on the form itself, I was unaware of any problems with the form.

Because I used forms directly on the GAB website, I am requesting that the signatures on all pages be accepted. This particular case seems to be one where a new requirement was applied retroactively. Having no reason to double check format of the nomination papers before circulating them I was not made aware of the change by going back to the GAB website to retrieve a new copy of the GAB-168.

In the past, information provided on nomination forms have received a presumption of validity. While I am not challenging the law itself, this particular case seems to call to mind the role of the GAB. Just because there is not a printed name column does not mean that these signatures are not from qualified electors. Signature and address already demonstrate validity regardless of whether one prints their name or not. It would seem a greater betrayal of citizen trust to keep a candidate's name from the ballot because forms were not up to date on the GAB website at the time of retrieval than to accept signatures as valid which has been the precedent thus far.

At the very least, I am requesting the right to submit an affidavit in order to repair these signatures by adding printed names. Because this is a deficit in the signatory section of the form this has been the method of amending other problems in this section according to the memo released on the GAB website, which cites s. Adm. Code GAB § 2.05(4), Wis in the section on repairing deficiencies.

Thank you,

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